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-----Good evening,

As the EOC is now in Activated Operations for the Planned Truck Demonstration, we will provide regular updates secretarially to EOCCG with respect to the situation. At the request of the City Manager, we will plan to update EOCCG two to three times a day based on the evolution of the situation.

At this time, the demonstration poses significant traffic impacts to the City. There are thousands of vehicles in the downtown core (combination of tractor-trailers, commercial vehicles, personal vehicles, farming equipment and ATV's among others). In addition, there are an estimated 6000 people on Parliament Hill, with another 6000 - 7000 people congregated along Wellington Ave. There are other smaller congregations in Confederation Park, Rideau Centre and the surrounding area. At present, the overall crowd dynamic is generally co-operative and non-violent. There have been isolated incidents of individuals inciting the crowd, as well as some isolated barrel fires (that were managed by Police) but the crowd remains peaceful overall.

All formal speeches have been postponed until tomorrow at 11:00 hrs due to the delay in arrival of the convoy from western Canada. We continue to monitor information to help suggest a demobilization time, but it remains uncertain at this time. Due to the complexity of the gridlock of parked vehicles downtown, it would be reasonable to suggest that vacating the downtown core will take a considerable amount of time and very likely will impact City operations into Monday.

The impact to traffic around the City remains high. The interprovincial bridges remain restricted with the exception of the MacDonald Cartier Bridge which is reduced to 2 lanes in each direction. We have worked with police partners to ensure that anyone needing to get to work from Quebec (first responders, police, health care workers, shelter staff) can show their work ID/badge at the Chaudière Bridge and then access Ottawa through Booth St. The downtown core remains gridlocked. The footprint is similar to that of Canada Day. Emergency vehicles are granted access where possible, but movement from area to area is challenging.

The frostbite warning issued on January 28, 2022 continues until further notice. Due to the significant traffic impacts in the downtown core, the Salvation Army outreach van will mostly be supporting priority populations via foot patrol, noting that transportation of clients to City shelters continues but with significant delays. The Hospital Network is embedded in the City's EOC and is reporting no significant impacts as a result of the demonstrations; all hospitals are currently stable with minimal transport from the demonstration.

The National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) is the Area Command for this event. First responder representatives, including Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Paramedic Service, other law enforcement agencies, as well as City of Ottawa Traffic Services are on site. The EOC also has a representative on site and will maintain a 24 hour posture at the NCRCC to ensure situational awareness, coordinate requests from the NCRCC to the City, and to escalate issues as required.

The EOC continues to monitor issues as they arise and forward to the appropriate service areas for mitigation. Attached is the EOC Operations Group structure for the Planned Truck Demonstration. Please note that for service areas not represented in the structure, the Duty Officer network is engaged.

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